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Subject: RE: Access to guns - follow up to board meeting

I've been in conversations with Council staff, Allen Wade, and the Office of Planning & Development about reducing advertising and gun shows in Memphis. Here are some obstacles:

- 1) We cannot regulate the content of signs.
- 2) We can regulate the number and size of signs, but we'd have to change the rules for everybody to effect the few. If we were to do that in order to target gun ads, it's likely the state legislature would push back heavily against our zoning authority. Maybe even strip us of it. There may be a creative solution to this, but it'd be much easier to discuss via phone than email.
- 3) The Agricenter building is County owned and County funded. I don't have a lot of direct leverage with them. At the bottom of the email, I've copied their board members. We all know at least a few of them. I don't know if it'd be easier to appeal directly to the board or to work through the County government. Other than International Paper, I'm not sure who their major corporate partners are. If anybody, would like to join me, I'll be going to my first gun show at the Agricenter on Oct 14th.

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Worth,

You will recall that Pastor Norman brought up some ideas at our last board meeting regarding access to guns, and I suggested you might be a good person to pursue whether his ideas were something the city could do.

Specifically, I believe he suggested the following:

First, try to get "tax supported venues" (the Agricenter, convention center, etc.) to stop scheduling gun shows. Apparently, Nashville/Davidson County has taken that step.

Second, amend the sign ordinance to prohibit or restrict signs advertising gun sales. Pastor Norman noted that pawn shops, for example, can have a proliferation of portable signs, etc. advertising gun sales. It would be interesting to see if other cities have passed ordinances along those lines.

It would be great if you could have someone on the Council staff (maybe in consultation with the city attorney's office) look into these possibilities.

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